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57th Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

Date:

28th February 2023

Chairperson

Prof. Dr. Md. Nazmul Islam

Director, Disease Control, and LD, CDC, DGHS, Mohakhali, Dhaka 1212

Venue:

Conference Room of IEDCR (1st floor, new building of IEDCR), DGHS,

Mohakhali, Dhaka

Attendance: Attached

Dr Abul Kalam Azad- Deputy Director M&PDC provided welcome address and explained the purpose and importance of the meeting. After welcome address, Prof. Dr. Md. Nazmul Islam, Director, Disease Control & Line Director, CDC and the chairperson of the committee delivered his opening remarks. The chairperson thanked all members for their participation. He requested all members to take part in the discussion and provide comment in order to improve the quality of works of NMEP. meeting proceeded accordingly. Undermentioned table described the summary on the discussion and decisions

The agenda

- 1. Confirmation of the 56th Meeting Minutes
- 2. Approval of Malaria Funding request GC-7 to the Global Fund
- 3. Miscellaneous

	Discussion	Decision
1. Confirmation of Meeting Minutes of 56 th Malaria Technical Committee Meeting	Prof. Dr. Md. Nazmul Islam, Director, Disease Control & Line Director, CDC leaded the review of Meeting Minutes of 56th Malaria Technical Committee meeting. He asked Dr Md Mushfiqur Rahman, Programme Operations Advisor, NMEP to provide the progress of the decisions taken in 56th Malaria Technical Committee meeting. Accordingly, Dr .Md. Mushfiqur Rahman informed that all decision taken in the 56th Technical Committee was completed successfully and requested the members for their amendment, if any.	Technical Committee Meeting Minutes was approved by the technical Committee Members
3.Updateon National Strategic Plan for Malaria	Dr Md Mushfiqur Rahman, Programme Operations Advisor, briefed in details of malaria funding request GC-7 based on revision/updating of National Strategic Plan for Malaria Elimination and Prevention of Reestablishment of Malaria Transmission 2024-2030. He provided the module wise description of the funding request GC-7. The highlights of his discussion is been pointed in the undermentioned lines. At first, he briefed the revised milestones of phased malaria elimination in Bangladesh. He briefed that by 2024: Local transmission interrupted in 4 districts of Mymensingh zone, by 2025: Malaria free status of 51 districts determined by 2026: Local transmission interrupted in 4 districts of Sylhet zone, Chattogram and Cox's Bazar, by 2027: API reduced to <1 per 1,000 population in 03 CHT districts, by 2030: Local transmission interrupted nationwide. He also described the priority activities under 9 modules. He also mentioned the budget of the funding request would be \$20,091,193. Professor M A Faiz, Former, Director General of Health Services, highlighted the proposed SBCC and school health program as a good initiatives. He also advised not to be so ambitious for '0' death. He cautioned the challenges of targeted drug administration. He proposed to include multipurpose health volunteer and not to left behind the FDMN population. He suggested to consider vivax malaria as a new challenge for malaria elimination. Professor Be-Nazir Ahmed, former director, disease control and line director CDC advised hot spot management, multiple approach for vector control, fever management and consideration for special occupational group. Mr Azizur Rahman Chowdhury suggested sentinel site based entomological surveillance. Mr Touhid Uddin Ahmed suggested strengthening of LLIN distribution, cross-border activities and operational researches.	TC approved the malaria funding request and requested the core group to address the concerns mentioned above as much as possible.

The Chairperson, thanked all participants for their presence and contribution. In his closing remarks he requested all to materialize the decisions taken in the meeting. Having no other issues for discussion, he wrapped up the meeting.

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